



To: Indiana State Board of Education

From: Indiana Career Council Pathways Taskforce

Date: August 19, 2015

Re: Proposed Indiana Diploma Requirements

In accordance with IC 20-19-6-9, the Indiana Career Council Core 40 Subcommittee has reviewed the current Core 40 diploma types of diplomas offered and has developed recommendations on new diploma requirements.

The proposed requirements for Indiana's "College & Career Ready" and "Workforce Ready" diplomas were presented to the Indiana Career Council Pathways Taskforce today.

After a discussion led by Superintendent Glenda Ritz and Commissioner of Higher Education Teresa Lubbers, the taskforce has had its questions about the proposed recommendations answered. The taskforce understands and supports the proposed changes to the Indiana Core 40 diploma requirements.

Furthermore, the taskforce commits to working with and supporting students, parents, educators, and employers across Indiana to ensure that the proposed requirements are understood by all and can be implemented well across the state of Indiana.



Indiana's

College & Career Ready*

High School Diploma

UPDATED DRAFT 11/1/15 (reflects feedback from
10/28/15 State Board of Education hearing and
10/30/15 Core 40 Subcommittee meeting)

Takes effect beginning with students who enter
high school in 2018-19 (class of 2022)

Minimum 44 Total Credits

English/ Language Arts	8 credits		
	Including literature, composition, speech/communications or other state-approved alternative		
Mathematics	8 credits (All Indiana students must be enrolled in a math course or state-approved alternative during each year of high school.)		
	Calculus Sequence	Quantitative Reasoning Sequence	Technical Math Sequence
	2 credits: Algebra I	2 credits: Algebra I	2 credits: Algebra I
	2 credits: Geometry	2 credits: Geometry	2 credits: Algebra II, Geometry or
	2 credits: Algebra II	2 credits: Algebra II	Math 10 (with teacher approval)
	2 credits: Pre-Calculus and Trigonometry	2 credits: Quantitative Reasoning or Probability & Statistics	4 credits: Applied math courses and/or state-approved alternatives
[NOTE: College-bound students who plan to attend (or transfer to) a four-year college should complete either the Calculus or Quantitative Reasoning sequence, depending on their postsecondary program of study. Integrated Math I, II and III may be completed as an alternative to Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II.]			
Science	6 credits		
	2 credits: Biology I		
	2 credits: Chemistry I, Physics I or Integrated Chemistry-Physics		
Social Studies	2 credits: Any science course or state-approved alternative		
	[NOTE: Students in a STEM Pathway** should complete 8 science credits, including a laboratory component.]		
	6 credits		
	2 credits: U.S. History		
Health & Wellness	2 credits: World History/Civilization or Geography/History of the World		
	1 credit: U.S. Government		
	1 credit: Economics, Consumer Economics or Global Economics		
	3 credits		
College & Career Readiness	2 credits: Physical Education		
	1 credit: Health & Wellness		
	8 credits		
	1 credit: Preparing for College & Careers (Should be completed by the end of 9th grade.)		
	1 credit: Personal Financial Responsibility		
Directed Electives	6 credits: College & Career Planning Focus (with graduation capstone***)		
	[NOTE: A College & Career Planning Focus may include Academic courses, Career & Technical Education courses, Early College credits, Fine Arts courses, Advanced Coursework or other coursework aligned with a student's College & Career Plan.		
	• College-bound students who plan to pursue a One-Year Certificate or non-transferrable Two-Year College Degree should complete a College & Career Planning Focus that includes Career & Technical Education and/or Dual Credit courses.		
	• College-bound students who plan to pursue a Four-Year College Degree or transferrable Two-Year College Degree should complete a College & Career Planning Focus that includes Advanced Placement, Career & Technical Education, and/or priority Dual Credit courses listed in Indiana's Core Transfer Library.]		
	5 credits		
	Fine Arts		
	World Languages (College-bound students should complete at least 4 credits in the same World Language .)		
	Additional Academic and/or Career & Technical Education courses		

College & Career Ready Diploma with Honors

College & Career Ready Diploma with Honors graduates must complete a **minimum of 48 credits**, earn a cumulative **Grade Point Average of at least 3.0** on a 4-point scale, earn a **grade of "C" or better in all courses that count toward the diploma** and **complete at least two** of the following:

- 1) **Advanced Coursework:** Earn at least 4 Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate credits **or** 6 transcribed college credits **or** a combination of 2 AP/IB credits and 3 transcribed college credits **and** take corresponding assessments
- 2) **Arts & Languages:** Complete at least 2 Fine Arts credits **and** 6 World Language credits
- 3) **Career Credential:** Complete an Industry-Recognized Certification, One-Year Certificate **or** state-approved alternative
- 4) **College Entrance Exam:** Earn a minimum composite ACT **or** total SAT score established by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

*Indiana's College & Career Ready Diploma is the default diploma track for all Hoosier students. Graduating with less than the default diploma requires formal parental consent and school principal certification.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) *Graduation capstone could include a college/career credential, a project-based and/or work-based learning experience, or other state-approved alternative.



Indiana's

Workforce Ready*

High School Diploma

UPDATED DRAFT 11/1/15 (reflects feedback from 10/28/15 State Board of Education hearing and 10/30/15 Core 40 Subcommittee meeting)

Takes effect beginning with students who enter high school in 2018-2019 (class of 2022).

Minimum 40 Total Credits

English/ Language Arts	8 credits
	Including literature, composition, speech/communications or other state-approved alternative
Mathematics	6-8 credits (All Indiana students must be enrolled in a math course or state-approved alternative during each year of high school.)
	2 credits: Algebra I
	2 credits: Algebra II, Geometry or Math 10 (with teacher approval based on diagnostic results)
	2-4 credits: Applied math courses or state-approved alternatives
	[NOTE: Students who must retake a math course in high school may graduate with 6 credits in math courses or a state-approved alternative. Integrated Math I, II and III may be completed as an alternative math sequence to Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II.]
Science	4 credits
	2 credits: Biology I 2 credits: Any science course or state-approved alternative
Social Studies	4 credits
	2 credits: U.S. History
	1 credit: U.S. Government
	1 credit: Any social studies course or state-approved alternative
College & Career Readiness	8 credits
	1 credit: Preparing for College & Careers (Should be completed by the end of 9th grade.)
	1 credit: Personal Financial Responsibility
	6 credits: College & Career Planning Focus (with graduation capstone)
	[NOTE: A College & Career Planning Focus may include Academic courses, Career & Technical Education courses, Early College credits, Fine Arts courses, Advanced Coursework or other coursework aligned with a student's College & Career Plan.]
Health & Wellness	3 credits
	2 credits: Physical Education 1 credit: Health & Wellness
Electives	5-7 credits

Graduation Capstone

Workforce Ready Diploma graduates must complete at least one of the following (aligned with their chosen College & Career Plan):

- 1) **Career Credential:** Complete an Industry-Recognized Certification, One-Year Certificate **or** state-approved alternative
- 2) **Career Experience:** Complete a project-based **and/or** work-based learning experience
- 3) **College Credit:** Earn at least 3 transcribed college credits

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